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FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF JUNE 6 RUDE PRAVO

ARTICLE ON SECOND DAY OF ROCKEFELLER VISIT

UNDER TITLE "STATEMENT BY AMERICAN FINANCIER:

DISCRIMINATORY LAW IS OBSTACLE TO BETTER RELATIONS":

"BOARD CHAIRMAN OF THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK DAVID ROCKEFELLER AND HIS ENTOURAGE SPENT THE SECOND DAY IN THE CSSR IN THE SLOVAKIAN CAPITAL OF BRATISLAVA. THE AMERICAN GUEST WAS ACCCOMPANIED BY CSSR DEPUTY PREMIER RUDOLF ROHLICEK.

"DAVID ROCKEFELLER WAS TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE PETROCHEMICAL

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COMPLEX SLOVANAFT AND NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, SHOWN

BRATISLAVA SIGHTS, AND LATER RECEIVED BY SLOVAK PREMIER PETER COLOTKA. THE TALK, JOINED IN AT THE END BY SLOVAK PARTY FIRST SECRETARY JOZEF LENART, CONCERNED POSSIBILITIES FOR DEEPENING ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CSSR AND THE U.S.

"THE SLOVAK PREMIER GAVE A LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF THE AMERICAN GUEST.

"DAVID ROCKEFELLER TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE HE IS CONVINCED MUTUAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CSSR AND THE U.S. CAN IMPROVE. 'THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN FROM ONE DAY TO ANOTHER, HOWEVER.' HE ADDED. 'MANY A THING DEPENDS ON THE RULINGS OF CONGRESS. THE CONGRESS OUGHT TO PASS A NEW TRADE ACT DOING AWAY WITH THE DISCRIMINATION OF THE CSSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN THE AREA OF TRADE EXCHANGE. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE CSSR COULD ALSO BE ADVANCED BY THE SETTLEMENT OF OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOLD IN THE U.S. AND INDEMNIFICATION OF THE AMERICAN PROPERTY NATIONALIZED IN THE CSSR. THIS, TOO, IS SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL.'

"I AM NOT IN THE CSSR FOR THE FIRST TIME,' REMARKED THE AMERICAN GUEST. 'I AM VERY GLAD TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE VAST PROGRESS SCORED BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE OVER SUCH A SHORT TIME IN DEVELOPING ITS COUNTRY ECONOMICALLY.'

"DAVID ROCKEFELLER AND HIS ENTOURAGE LATER LEFT FOR THE GDR." PERRY

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